

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph.

[0006] In this connection, in the molding of said multi-layer tube, when said inner and outer layer tubes pass through said merging passage, they press each other. It is not easy to ensure that their respective wall thicknesses obtain desired values. Furthermore, the resins which are materials for them differ in hardness at ordinary temperature from each other. For this reason, the harder resin presses the softer resin, unintentionally causing large deformation. Consequently, with the extrusion molding apparatus described above, it is not easy to ensure that the respective wall thicknesses of said inner and outer layer tubes are accurate.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph.

[0008] The invention provides an extrusion molding apparatus for a resin multi-layer tube, comprising a plurality of extruders for thermally melting and extruding resins of different kinds, and a die formed with an inner layer tube molding passage for forwardly passing therethrough the resin extruded from one of these extruders to enable the molding of an inner layer tube, and an outer layer tube molding passage for forwardly passing therethrough the resin extruded from the other extruder to enable the molding of an outer layer tube which is to be externally fitted integrally on said inner layer tube, said die enabling the molding of a multi-layer tube by these inner and outer layer tubes, said die being formed with a through-hole longitudinally extending

through said die and passing inwardly of said inner layer tube molding passage, said tube being externally fitted on a core material forwardly passing through said through-hole, wherein

inner and outer extrusion ports constituting the respective front ends of said inner and outer layer tube molding passages are disposed radially close to each other and are opened at the front end surface of the die separately from each other, and said inner extrusion port of said inner layer tube molding passage is disposed close to the front end opening radially constituting the front end of said through-hole.

Please delete paragraph [0009].

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph.

[0010] Further, in said invention, in an extrusion molding apparatus for a resin multi-layer tube, comprising a cold-curing device for cold-curing said multi-layer tube molded by being passed through said inner and outer layer tube molding passages, and a take-up device for taking up said multi-layer tube cured by this cold-curing device, at a predetermined speed,

another die disposed forwardly of said die and having a die hole communicating with said inner and outer extrusion ports may be removably fixed to said die.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph.

[0011] Further, in said invention, the front vicinity of said passage may be radially outwardly opened.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph.

[0013] The invention provides an extrusion molding apparatus for a resin tube comprising a plurality of extruders for thermally melting and respectively extruding resins of different kinds, and a die provided with an inner layer tube molding passage for forwardly passing therethrough the resin extruded from one of these extruders to enable the molding of an inner layer tube, and an outer layer tube molding passage for forwardly passing therethrough the resin extruded from the other extruder to enable the molding of an outer layer tube which is to be externally fitted integrally on said inner layer tube, said die enabling the molding of a multi-layer tube by these inner and outer layer tubes, said die being formed with a through-hole longitudinally extending through said die and inwardly of said inner layer tube molding passage, said tube being externally fitted on a core material forwardly passed through said through-hole, wherein

inner and outer extrusion ports constituting the respective front ends of said inner and outer layer tube molding passages are disposed radially close to each other and opened at the front end surface of the die separately from each other.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph.

[0014] For this reason, when each resin is extruded from each extruder by the driving of each extruder, each resin is passed through each tube molding passage in said die, whereby inner and outer layer tubes are molded. Further, when each said resin is extruded from the inner and outer extrusion ports forwardly of the die, the outer layer tube is externally fitted integrally on said inner layer tube, whereby a multi-layer tube is molded.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph.

[0015] Here, as described above, the inner and outer extrusion ports are disposed radially close to each other. For this reason, when each said resin is passed through each tube molding passage in said die and extruded forwardly from the inner and outer extrusion ports, said inner and outer layer tubes immediately after they are extruded forwardly from said inner and outer extrusion ports fit together and smoothly integrated without requiring relatively large radial deformation.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph.

[0017] As a result, the respective wall thicknesses of said inner and outer layer tubes in the multi-layer tube molded by the extrusion molding apparatus can be made more accurate.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph.

[0018] Further, said inner extrusion port of said inner layer tube molding passage is disposed close to the front end opening radially constituting the front end of said through-hole.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph.

[0019] For this reason, by the driving of each said extruder, a multi-layer tube is molded as it is extruded from said die, and this multi-layer tube is externally fitted on said core material, so that an intermediate product is molded using this multi-layer tube and the core material.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph.

[0020] Here, the inner extrusion port is disposed radially close to said front end opening, as described above. Furthermore, the inner and outer extrusion ports are disposed radially close to each other. For this reason, when said multi-layer tube is extruded forwardly of said die, the inner and outer layer tubes of said multi-layer tube immediately after their extrusion are, without requiring large radial deformation, externally fitted on the core material immediately after slipping out of the front end opening as it forwardly passes through said through-hole.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph.

[0022] Further, in said invention, in an extrusion molding apparatus comprising a cold-curing device for cold-curing said multi-layer tube molded by being passed through said inner

and outer layer tube molding passages, and a take-up device for taking up said multi-layer tube cured by this cold-curing device, at a predetermined speed, wherein another die disposed forwardly of said die and having a die hole for communicating with said inner and outer extrusion ports may be removably fixed to said die.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph.

[0029] That is, the extrusion molding apparatus comprises a plurality of extruders for thermally melting and extruding resins of different kinds, and a die for passing therethrough the resins extruded from these extruders to enable the molding of a multi-layer tube. Said die is formed with a through-hole longitudinally extending through said die and inwardly of said inner layer tube molding passage, said tube being externally fitted on a core material forwardly passing through said through-hole.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph.

[0030] Inner and outer extrusion ports constituting the respective front ends of said inner and outer layer tube molding passages are disposed radially close to each other and are opened forwardly of the front end surface of the die separately from each other. Said inner extrusion port of said inner layer tube molding passage is disposed close to the front end opening radially constituting the front end of said through-hole.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph.

[0034] Said first and second resins 3 and 4 differ from each other in hardness at ordinary temperature. Further, the thermally melting of said first and second resins 3 and 4 is achieved by heating using a heater. Further, said first and second extruders 6 and 7 rotationally drive screws by an electric motor.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph.

[0056] According to the above arrangement, inner and outer extrusion ports 17 and 18 constituting the respective front ends of said inner and outer layer tube molding passages 9 and 10 are disposed radially of said axis 16 and close to each other and opened at the front end surface 19 of the die 11 separately from each other.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph.

[0057] For this reason, when the resins 3 and 4 are extruded from these extruders 6 and 7 by the driving of said extruders 6 and 7, these resins 3 and 4 are passed through the tube molding passages 9 and 10 of said die 11, whereby inner and outer layer tubes 2a and 2b are molded. Further, when said resins 3 and 4 are extruded from the inner and outer extrusion ports 17 and 18 forwardly of the die 11, the outer layer tube 2b is externally fitted integrally on said inner layer tube 2a, whereby a multi-layer tube is molded.